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TERRY L. SPIELER, Secretary.

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## AN ACT

To amend chapter 633, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to the establishment of an office of autism services.

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*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Missouri, as follows:*

Section A. Chapter 633, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new  
2 section, to be known as section 633.225, to read as follows:

**633.225. 1. There is hereby established in the department of  
2 mental health within the division of mental retardation and  
3 developmental disabilities, an "Office of Autism Services". The office of  
4 autism services, under the supervision of the director of the division of  
5 mental retardation and developmental disabilities, shall provide  
6 leadership in program development for children and adults with autism  
7 spectrum disorders, to include establishment of program standards and  
8 coordination of program capacity.**

9       **2. For purposes of this section, the term "autism spectrum  
10 disorder" shall be defined as in standard diagnostic criteria for  
11 pervasive developmental disorder, to include: autistic disorder;  
12 Asperger's syndrome; pervasive developmental disorder-not otherwise  
13 specified; childhood disintegrative disorder; and Rett's syndrome.**

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